

**BUCKMAN TAVERN**

Hancock Street, east side of Lexington Green, Lexington

This frame tavern, already old at the time of the Revolution, not only heard “the shot heard round the world,” it felt it. Because it was the local militia’s headquarters, the British fired on it the morning of April 19, 1775, and it still bears scars left by their musket balls. This brief skirmish at Lexington marked the beginning of the armed struggle for American independence. John Buckman, proprietor of the tavern at the time, was one of the Lexington Minute Men. The town of Lexington acquired the tavern in 1913, and it is operated as a museum by the Lexington Historical Society.